

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10, 12-17 and 19-22 remain in the Application. Claims 1, 10, 12, 19 and 21 are independent claims, claims 20-22 are added and claims 9, 11 and 18 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for not labeling boxes in FIGs 1-2 and 4. In response, FIGs 1-2 and 4 have been amended to include labels. Replacement sheets including FIGs 1-2 and 4 are enclosed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawing objection and approval of the enclosed proposed drawing changes.

In the Office Action, claims 5, 9, 14 and 17-19 are objected

to for certain informalities. In response, claims 5, 14, 17 and 19 have been amended to remove the informalities noted by the Examiner, as well as other informalities. Further, claims 9 and 18 are canceled herein without prejudice. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to claims 5, 14 and 17-19 is respectfully requested. Claims 5, 14, 17 and 19 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 10-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 10-11 contain allowable subject matter. By means of the present amendment, claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice and its features have been included in independent claims 1, 12 and 19. Further, claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form without including certain features of intervening claims as they are believed to be not necessary for patentability. In addition, new independent claim 21 is added that includes features of the allowable claims 10-11.

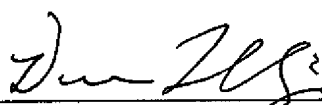
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 10, 12, 19 and 21 are allowable, and allowance thereof is

respectfully requested. In addition, as claims 2-8, 13-17, 20 and 22 depend from independent claims 1, 12, 19 and 21, Applicants respectfully request that claims 2-8, 13-17, 20 and 22 are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement drawing sheets (2 sheets including
FIGs 1-2 and 4)

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